

Subject: RE: Hot Import Nights

From: Ben Schirmer <ben@hcbf.org>

Date: 03/04/2016 04:25 PM

To: "alanj@victory-group.com" <alanj@victory-group.com>, "ericeoban@gmail.com" <ericeoban@gmail.com>, "lparker@sanpedrobid.com" <lparker@sanpedrobid.com>

I have to say, I agree with Alan. Based on the strong, negative response to the last one, we should distance ourselves from this event quickly.

Sent from [Outlook](#)

On Fri, Mar 4, 2016 at 4:15 PM -0800, "Alan Johnson" <AlanJ@Victory-Group.com> wrote:

All-

I think being proactive would be better here especially if we aren't prepared to support the event giving them as much time to as possible to find somewhere else. They have a set event that works for them and we don't have any real authority or means to enforce any guidelines we might try to impose. They are the City's streets and they can fill out an event permit and let the city decide. I feel strongly that after all the negative blowback we are getting from this event we should not touch it with a 10' pole or in any way be associated with it and let the promoters and City know that.

Alan

From: eric eisenberg [mailto:ericeoban@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 4:03 PM

To: Alan Johnson <AlanJ@Victory-Group.com>

Cc: Lorena Parker <lparker@sanpedrobid.com>; Ben Schirmer <ben@hcbf.org>

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All,

As of now the promoters haven't reached out to us for a return.

I believe if they do want to do it again, we should set some guidelines for the promoter, I did ask Mr Ecker if he wanted to be part of the process, his response was a cadre of insults.

At this point in time, I think it's best to just wait and see.

Eric

On Fri, Mar 4, 2016 at 3:53 PM, Alan Johnson <AlanJ@victory-group.com> wrote:

Lorena-

This event is getting to be more trouble than it's worth. Should we reach out to the promoters and the city and suggest they look elsewhere this year?

Alan

From: Lorena Parker [mailto:lparker@sanpedrobid.com]

Sent: Monday, February 29, 2016 9:21 AM

To: Bruce Ecker <larux@pacbell.net>

Cc: eric eisenberg <ericeoban@gmail.com>; Ryan Ferguson <ryan.ferguson@lacity.org>; James Allen <james@randomlengthsnews.com>; Ruben.Vives@latimes.com; Jayme Wilson <jsw.spiritcruises@sbcglobal.net>; Alan Johnson <AlanJ@Victory-Group.com>

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Mr. Ecker,

Thank you for your email regarding illegal street racing and the tragic accidents that have occurred lately. As I mentioned to you in a previous email, I would like to meet with you to discuss any issues that you may have within our control (and our boundaries) and will work to resolve them.

Furthermore, please note that Hot Import Nights is not an event that we plan. I have seen it on their website but they have not reached out to our office. I have sent them an email requesting they reach out to us to discuss their plans.

We will continue to put forth our efforts to improve the San Pedro Business Improvement District in a positive manner.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Lorena Parker

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On Sun, Feb 28, 2016 at 1:49 PM, Bruce Ecker <larux@pacbell.net> wrote:

Mr Eisenburg,

In case you didn't catch it, the news brings us reports of another tragic street racing incident in Los Angeles today. Thankfully only three people were killed in this one. I see that downtown San Pedro is on the schedule for the Hot Import Nights event again. Makes me wonder... why is it that you and PBID keep bringing this celebration of street racing cars and culture to downtown

San Pedro each year. I am sure you have a very good reason, but I am still waiting for you to explain it to me.

Bruce Ecker
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Suspected street racer still at large after fiery crash that killed three

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-suspected-street-racer-killed-three-20160228-story.html>

Authorities are continuing to search for the driver of one of two vehicles that caused a deadly multi-vehicle crash during a street race on the 5 Freeway near Commerce just after midnight Saturday.

Three people were killed and several others injured after one of the suspected street racers lost control of his vehicle and slammed into a UPS truck, causing the big rig to flip over the median, smash into oncoming traffic and explode. The big rig collided with a gray Nissan, sheared its top off and came to rest atop of a red Ford Explorer.